To: Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan – Emergency Management Board  
From: Shari Friebus  
Date: October 18, 2008  
Re: October 8, 2008 Emergency Management Board Meeting

Meeting Participants
- Gary Gnauck, Applegate Partnership  
- Sara Rubrecht, Josephine County Emergency Management  
- Jenny Zeltvay, Josephine County Public Health  
- Neil Benson, JJLCG  
- Jim Wolf, JJLCG  
- Tim Gonzales, BLM  
- Shari Friebus, Josephine County Emergency Management  
- Brian Fritsen, JCEC  
- Jerry Schaeffer, IV Fire Dept  
- Lang Johnson, GPFR  
- Paul Galloway, US Forest Service  
- Natalie Simrell, BLM

Sub-Committee Updates

Fuels / Risk Assessment
- Jim Wolf from risk assessment presented a cumulative overview of the County Fuel Mapping Project. They have been working on a better way to estimate fire hazard in different areas. The presentation painted a picture of the fuel mapping project and highlighted changes to the data which give us a much better picture of what’s on the ground.

Education & Outreach
- Sandy Schaeffer has shared a national survey which examines how the public reacts to language used regarding wildfire. Sandy presented the survey results to the JJLCG at their last meeting. It is currently under discussion how to incorporate changes locally in the language we use for public information about wildfire.
  
- Work continues on the Master Gardener Land Steward program. One element of this program is that participants must perform 40 hours of community service. A new way identified to meet that requirement is for students to work on the Fire Prevention Team.

Special Needs
- Representatives from Rural Metro Fire, Grants Pass Fire, Senior and Disability Services and RVCOC met to discuss issues with individuals who regularly call 911 for lift assistance. Grants Pass Fire currently has an officer who is assigned to follow-up on repeat calls with the individual’s family members, neighbors or friends to discuss solving the problem. This system seems to work well. Rural Metro will take a look at the system and see if it will work for them and possibly suggest it to other fire agencies as well.
Old Business

- The shadow program, where trainees are able to go to fire camps to get training and experience, is working very well. Several people were able to participate in the shadow program at the Lonesome Complex fire camp. During Sara’s visit to Salem, she observed that more and more agencies are incorporating the shadow concept in their own areas.

New Business

A request was made by Sara that Charlie and Jeff be paid for the training they provide. Thus far, they have not asked for any monetary compensation for their services. The group unanimously agreed that they should be paid some amount and will incorporate that into their Title III budget.

EMB Action Items

The group went over the current EMB Action items and made changes to reflect action items that have been accomplished, those still being worked on, and new action items. Updated action items for 2009 will be sent to board members for review prior to the December meeting.

To date there have been approximately 1,881 people who have taken the various ICS courses that have been offered. There are ICS 300 and 400 classes coming up in November.

Focused Meeting Agendas

The group finalized a meeting agenda template for future meetings. It will be sent out with the minutes.

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- State Public Health will be hosting ICS position-specific training in April in Eugene for those that are interested. There is no cost for the training. Call or email Jenny if you have staff you or your staff wish to attend.

- Stewardship projects –Lomakatsi is offering to work long term in the Takilma area, covering approx 5,000 acres. A contract was sent to the USFS regional office for the stewardship project in Takilma. There is an agreement between Lomakatsi and Siskiyou Pros. When timber receipts come back, there may be service work that can be done. Lomakatsi & Siskiyou will work collaboratively to get the work done.

- Curt Pilcher is retiring, and Brian Pike is going to become the new Fire Marshall. Lance Johnson is temporary going to take Brian’s position until a replacement is hired. Joy Hyatt will be working for Brian Pike as the Deputy Chief until November 1.

- Jim Wolf mentioned that he is working with the state/regional office in an attempt to get them to visit the Southern Oregon region, but he has not heard back from them as of yet. A great deal of grant funding comes to our region; a visit from the state/regional office would be an opportunity for staff to see the improvements that we have made over the years.
• Sara reported that the county is still pushing to get the taxing district passed at the November election. The money that was designated to the rural counties in the bailout signed by the President will only last 4 years, with the amount of funding being distributed decreasing each year.

Next Meeting:

➢ Wednesday, December 10, 2008